

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2004

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on April 22, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Appropriative Pool

Mohamed El-Amamy, Alternate Chair	City of Ontario
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Henry Pepper	City of Pomona
Ray Wellington	San Antonio Water Company
James T. Bryson	Fontana Water Company
John Huitsing	Milk Producers Council
Mike Maestas	City of Chino Hills
Robert DeLoach	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Agricultural Pool

Pete Hall	Sate of California Institute for Men
Bob Feenstra	Milk Producers Council

Non-Agricultural Pool

Bob Bowcock (via telephone conference call)	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
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Watermaster Board Members Present

Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool, Crops
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Watermaster Staff Present

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Steven L. Hoch	Hatch & Parent

Others Present

Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Hill	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Sondra Elrod	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Steven G. Lee	Agricultural Pool Legal Counsel
Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District
Lorraine Aoy Edwards	Metropolitan Water District
Eddie Rigdon	Metropolitan Water District
Barrett Kehl	Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Bill Stafford	Marygold Water Company

The Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair El -Amamy at 10:10 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**I. CONSENT CALENDAR****A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held March 25, 2004

This item was pulled for discussion. Comment received regarding page 4 of the Advisory Committee meeting minutes which needed a revision regarding deleted basins on a presentation chart.

Motion by El-Amamy, second by Wellington, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item A after a revision is made to clarify an item on page 4 regarding deleted basins on a presentation chart

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of March 2004
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through February 29, 2004
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1 through February 29, 2004
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2003 through February 2004

Motion by Crosley, second by Maestas, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item B, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS**A. 2004/2005 WATERMASTER BUDGET**

Mr. Rossi commented this item was for information only and was not seeking action. Mr. Rossi reviewed the emphasis for the coming year's budget and briefly reviewed the financial impacts. Noting assessments decreased slightly, administrative costs were down and general counsel legal costs had decreased. The final budget will be presented next month for approval.

B. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF UPLAND AND IEUA FOR RECHARGE PROJECT

Mr. Rossi informed the Committee this request was brought through unanimous Pool recommendations to approve the submitted Agreement between Watermaster, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and the City of Upland regarding inclusion of Upland Recharge Basin in facilities improved pursuant to the Recharge Master Plan. Noting this agreement will allow Watermaster to utilize the basin for imported water recharge and the ability to receive credit for storm water recharge as "new yield". Mr. Rossi requested approval from the Advisory Committee for this Agreement and to allow staff and legal counsel to make minor edits as needed.

Motion by Wellington, second by El-Amamy, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Agreement with the City of Upland for the recharge project and to allow staff and counsel to make minor edits as necessary

III. REPORTS/UPDATES**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT****1. Attorney/Manager Meeting**

Counsel Fife commented that the first meeting went well with the outcome of several formed sub-committees to tackle various issues. Counsel Fife noted the Monte Vista Water District has postponed their scheduled hearing for 60 days, confirming June 24, 2004 at 1:30 was the new date and time. This postponement transpired primarily because of the scheduled attorney/managers meetings being set in place to possibly resolve issues prior to meeting in a court setting. The signed order postponing the hearing is available on the back table for all interested parties.

2. Recharge Basin Patent
Counsel Fife commented on the recently awarded patent for furrows adjacent to ridges within recharge basins. Counsel briefly described the patent and noted this item will be added to the ACWA agenda for discussion. Also commenting this will have state wide interest for all parties who recharge water.
3. Draft Pleading – Dry Year Yield Project
Counsel Fife informed the Committee that the Dry Year Yield Storage Agreement between Watermaster, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency was approved by the Board and counsel was directed to file the Agreement with the Court for approval so that Watermaster could execute the Agreement. A draft copy of the pleading was included in the agenda package for review. Parties were asked to note comments to counsel Fife as soon as possible.

Added Legal Counsel Comments:

Counsel Fife commented that the Chino Land & Water Co. submitted their case to the Supreme Court. A copy of the petition was available on the back table for all interested parties.

4. San Gabriel Watermaster Water Quality Litigation
Counsel Fife introduced Mr. Steven Hoch from Hatch & Parent who will be giving a presentation on the South El Monte Operable Unit (SEMOU) Litigation. Counsel Hoch reviewed the history of the SEMOU litigation and provided a summary of the “Third Party Claims” which were filed on April 12, 2004. The purpose of these claims was to add Metropolitan, the water producers, and the San Gabriel Watermaster as PRPs.

B. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Presentation Regarding OBMP Progress through December 31, 2003 – Water Quality Issues
No comment was made regarding this item.
2. Update Regarding MZ1 Technical Group Meeting April 7, 2004
No comment was made regarding this item.

C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

1. MWD Dry Year Yield Update – Rich Atwater (oral)
Mr. Atwater commented this packet contained written reports and updates on all the Inland Empire Utilities Agency current activities and since Eddie Rigdon from Metropolitan Water District was here to give a talk on the MWD Long-Term Shutdown Planning, IEUA would be passing on discussing all other items listed, although he encouraged the Committee to read the packaged items along with the extra hand outs that were provided.
2. Discussion on MWD Long-Term Shutdown Planning – MWD Staff
Eddie Rigdon from Metropolitan Water District referred to the additional handout dated April 19, 2004 regarding the MWD Proposed 7-Day Interruption Service Policy Proposal. Mr. Rigdon stated this shutdown will ensure long-term reliability to other agencies. Noting the need for water has gone up tremendously placing more dependency on water facilities, in turn, causing the need for planned maintenance. High demands tend to cause outages, which facilities can not afford. Costs can be from thirty five to sixty five thousand dollars for outages. Plans to perform shutdowns are typically scheduled during low demand periods as to not disrupt services. Mr. Rigdon mentioned they are dealing with aging systems which brings up concerns and reiterating the need for safeguarding our facilities is a priority. A brief discussion ensued regarding the planned shutdown.

3. Water Resources Report (handout)
No comment was made regarding this item.
4. Water Conservation Status Report
No comment was made regarding this item.
5. Water Conservation Budget FY 2004/2005
No comment was made regarding this item.
6. Recycled Water Program
No comment was made regarding this item.
7. Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project (Recharge)
No comment was made regarding this item.
8. State/Federal Legislation
No comment was made regarding this item.
9. Public Relations (Outreach Update)
No comment was made regarding this item.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Barbara Boxer, United States Senator Letter Regarding \$300,000 Conjunctive Use Appropriation
Mr. Rossi referred to page 109 of the packet which references the Barbara Boxer, United States Senator Letter dated March 22, 2004. This letter thanks the Chino Basin Watermaster for contacting her for the purpose of expressing Watermaster's views on the Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Project. Noting Senator Boxer is in support of the project and has contributed \$300,000 in the fiscal year 2004 for the Energy and Water Appropriations bill.
2. DWR Letter - \$15 Million Conjunctive Use Grant
Mr. Rossi recapped the April 2, 2004 letter written to Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) regarding the Proposition 13 Groundwater Storage/Recharge Program. Mr. Rossi informed the Committee that the Watermaster prepared and had IEUA submit an application for the Groundwater Storage Construction Grant on June 5, 2003. Commenting he was pleased to inform the Committee that IEUA was conditionally selected for funding. Mr. Rossi briefly reviewed the requirements that must be satisfied before DWR will sign the contract with IEUA, stating this was good news.
3. SAWC Nomination for the 2004 Integrated Project of the Year Award
Mr. Rossi commented on the Santa Ana Watershed Coalition letter dated April 2, 2004 which was provided as a handout. Watermaster for the second year in a row is being recognized by SAWPA as having done a project worthy of their Integrated Project of the Year Award. Last year we were recognized for the OBMP Program and this year for our more comprehensive recharge program. We will ask our partners from Flood Control and the Conservation District to join us in accepting this award.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

April 22, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
April 28, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting
May 12, 2004	2:00 p.m.	Storage & Recovery Meeting
May 13, 2004	3:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
May 20, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
May 27, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Advisory Committee Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: May 27, 2004